

Flu Advisory Board (FAB) Meeting
May 16, 2007
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (EST)

Welcome/List Attendees

Members in Attendance:

Rosemary Franklin (MDCH); Terri Adams (MDCH); Sue Schryber (Ottawa Co. HD); Pat Krehn (Muskegon Co. HD); Carol Legwand (Children's Hospital of MI – CHM & Detroit Medical Center - DMC); Janice Arsenault (Wayne Co. Dept. PH); Patricia White (Oakland Co. HD); Jon Steketee (MedImmune); Mike Spencer (GlaxoSmithKline); Lori Bologna (Sanofi Pasteur); Carolee Besteman (Michigan Primary Care Association); Liz Harton (MDCH/CDC); JoAnne Eakins (Ionia Co. HD); Pat Vranesich (MDCH); Courtney McFeters (MDCH); Barb Wolicki (MDCH); JoEllen Wolicki (MDCH); Rebecca Taylor (MDCH); Tracy Newhouse (MVN); Kim Comerzan (Monroe Co. HD); Andrea Weston (MDCH); JoAnn Hyde (Kalamazoo Co. HD); David Luoma; Gary Kirk (MDCH); Howard Weinblatt (MI State Medical Society); Dawn Lukomski (Detroit Health Wellness Promotion); Talat Danish (Wayne Co. HD); Teresa Holtrop (MIAAP); Dianne McCagg (AIM/MPRO); Joy Maloney (ICHHD Ingham); Wendy Ridenok (ICHHD)

Members on the Phone:

Corrine Pawlicki (VNA SE); Dianne Miller (MI Pharmacists Association)

Review of Minutes

Liz Harton

- Operation Wildfire (pandemic influenza exercise at MDCH) is going on right now and many of our flu staff members are there
- Minutes approved

Subcommittee Updates

Liz Harton

Education & Communication (EC-FAB) Subcommittee

Courtney McFeters

- Courtney McFeters will be your new EC-FAB subcommittee chair

Community Vaccinator's Forum Update

- June 5, 2007 at Constitution Hall in Lansing, Michigan
- The goals of this project are to reach out to large corporations involved in vaccination clinics in order to:
 - Promote collaboration & partnerships
 - Improve communication
 - Discuss policy & practice issues
 - Engage in open discussion of issues

- As this is the pilot year and the space in the building is limited, we have decided to not invite ALL LHDs, but rather our representatives from local public health who are on FAB.
- Several LHD FAB members volunteered to serve on our planning committee and to attend the forum.
- We will be sending out meeting minutes and presentations after the meeting, in order to keep the communication channels open between these groups and to share ideas about future meetings and collaborative efforts.
- There will be representatives from local VNAs & large corporations/pharmacies involved in community vaccination, such as Krogers, Maxim, Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid, etc.

Other EC-FAB Projects

- State-wide message for extending the flu vaccination season past the holidays
 - Message specific to holiday/after holiday vaccination
- State-wide message for vaccination of pregnant women and coordinating efforts to let them know where they CAN get vaccinated if turned away
- State-wide message for vaccination of healthcare personnel

2006-2007 Influenza Partnership Survey

- This survey was developed in response to comments made at a FAB meeting and will help us gain a better sense of how many flu shots are being given and in what areas
- **Overall purpose:**
 - To gain an understanding of community & localized flu efforts
 - To recognize needs of our partners in flu vaccination
 - To look at amount & presentation of vaccinations ordered each year
 - To review timing & logistics of vaccination distribution process
 - To determine strategies utilized to increase vaccination coverage
 - To identify best practices for extending the vaccination season
- The results will not be identifiable. We will not distribute this information for profits-sake, but will rather use it to build awareness at the state-level.
- We selected our sample through various existing distribution lists (FAB, MACI, IAP, INE, Community Vaccinator's Forum attendees, etc.) and our overall sample size was about 300 people.
- **Key Findings from the Past 2006-2007 Season:**
- There were 34 respondents total with a response rate of about 10% as of May 15, 2007 (27 Local Health Departments; 4 Visiting Nurse Associations; 2 Hospitals; 1 Pharmacy-Related)
- Most of the first doses were received in September & October.
- Of those who did not receive their full order, a majority of respondents indicated that they had canceled their orders, primarily during the November and December time frame.
- Nearly everyone had doses left over.
- Most organizations ordered their vaccine from a distributor or manufacturer, or a combination of those.

- Although 97% of the respondents knew of other community vaccinators in their jurisdiction, only 55% of them coordinated clinics this past flu season.
- Best Practices Used for Extending the Vaccination Season: Press releases; Advertising/Promotions; Large signs in front of building & entrance; Billboards; Media – newspaper; television; monthly newsletter; Website promotion; Telephone hotline; Encouraged providers & patients; With other immunizations & visits; Continue to give 2nd dose to kids; Free/reduced cost vaccine; Discounted to price of vaccine itself
- Clinic Ideas: Walk-in clinics; “late-season” clinics; Offered at other clinics (immunization; international travel); Continued as late as February; Off-site clinics (Walmart, YMCA, senior centers, Salvation Army, local factories, drive-through); Worked with local shelters & agencies to provide free vaccine; WIC clients, homeless shelters, local jail; Weekly appointments dedicated to flu
- **Key Findings for the Upcoming 2007-2008 Season:**
- Presentations plan on ordering:
 - 82% (n=27) TIV
 - 18% (n=6) combination of TIV & LAIV
 - Need to increase uptake of LAIV based on recent studies, such as the MedImmune study presented by Dr. MacDonald at the February FAB meeting.
- Plan to coordinate clinics in future? 53% (n=18) do not
- Ideas for collaboration: share clinic site/date info (place on website & press releases); refer calls to each other’s clinics; joint clinics/drive-throughs; pandemic flu drills; combined efforts – staff/volunteers; promotions & education; community flu clinics; communication & info sharing; invite to planning meetings
- **Next Steps/Moving Forward:**
- Flu vaccine manufacturers expect to have a record 132 million doses ready for the 2007-2008 flu season, and there could be even more available if a fifth company joins their ranks.
- *CSL Biotherapies*, an Australian company, applied last month for federal approval to sell its inactivated flu vaccine in the United States this fall.
- Based on generalizations from this survey, we can expect final shipments to be made in November and December, so we should attempt to plan clinics accordingly.
 - There is currently a paradigm shift occurring with regard to flu vaccination, and there is a huge need to rotate the season towards November and December, which is ample time to vaccinate healthy people.
 - With this shift, we consider “late season” vaccination as vaccine administration occurring in January and February, not November and December.
- Moving forward, we can think about using this record number of doses to vaccinate our HCP population.

Pandemic Planning Workbook & Online Toolkit

- Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee – School/Public Health Workbook
- Revising *Online Toolkit for Educators & MI Schools Pandemic Planning Workbook*

- Coordinating efforts between MI Department of Community Health, MI Department of Education, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Oakland County Health Division, Washtenaw County LHD
- Project is being finalized and will be sent as a state-wide pandemic and all hazards planning message to schools
- Will be rolled out at superintendents' conference in the fall of 2007

Leadership & Deployment Subcommittee

Bob Swanson

- No updates

Vaccines for Children Update

Terri Adams

- See PowerPoint presentation handout
- Try to be proactive in getting the word out for the pre-booking process
- Very often providers will wait to the last minute
- There may be additional flu vaccine at MDCH this fall
- Recommendations now through 18 years of age
- Don't turn patients away – if people present for flu shot you should give it to them
- Only pre-booked Sanofi and MedImmune vaccine
- FluMist DOES NOT GO IN THE FREEZER THIS YEAR – IT IS A REFRIDGERATED VACCINE NOW
- Comment from audience: As a clinician we struggle with vaccinating people in April or May – even if hasn't expired, MDCH understands this and respects provider decisions. Try to vaccinate people going overseas at this point
- Be proactive through the late months of the season to get the vaccine out
- Flu vaccine and VMBIP – we hope this is the last year to distribute flu vaccine
- Goal is to have zero doses sitting at MDCH depot
 - Doesn't do anyone any good to have doses sitting in depot
 - We may be working with re-distribution this fall – moving vaccine around, because there will not be vaccine available in January 2008 through MDCH once we go live with centralized distribution

Manufacturers/Shipping Updates/Other Updates as Requested

Sanofi Pasteur

- Still planning on 50 M doses we have always distributed
- Working on presentations – want everyone to get the presentation they asked for
- Today is a difficult meeting to come to – we really don't know where we stand for the upcoming flu season but as of May we are on track
- Last year we weren't seeing the number of doses we would typically see from one egg
- If left over doses from last year contact Sanofi vaccine representative because they would like to know the number of private doses left over from last season

MedImmune

- Everything is on schedule right now
- LAIV for MedImmune – early August; typically a bit earlier with MedImmune because live, attenuated vaccine
- LHDs can still get FluMist™ orders through VFC program at this time
- 4 ½ months expiration date this year
 - When taken out of freezer will stamp with 4 ½ month time frame
 - FDA is going to meet today to look at new indication

GlaxoSmithKline

- Fluarix™; distributed directly this year
- 35 M doses larger than he has seen
- FluLaval™ possibly through several distributors
- Pre-order Fluarix™ on www.gskvaccinesdirect.com
- LHDs – any additional needs in adult flu market place, see Michael or contact representative

Influenza Vaccination for Health Care Personnel

JoEllen Wolicki

- Referred to as Health Care Personnel not Health Care Workers
- ACIP & HICPAC last February (2006)
- JCAHO – recommendation for hospitals and facilities - location and offering of flu vaccine
- Educate about benefits of flu vaccine
- You work for a company that actively looks for germs to come your way – be aware of this and take necessary precautions
- Serologic evidence that HCW had flu virus and yet they reported not having any illness (flu or respiratory infection)
- Vaccine with LAIV if possible – save injectable vaccine for risk groups
- Offered at worksite and at no cost
- Use strategies during all work shifts
- Modeling and supporting institutional leaders – advocates
- Obtain signed declaration for HCP that decline vaccine
- Many times hospitals think more of their staff members are vaccinated than actually are
- There is a need to look at rates specific to each unit
- Make vaccination a healthy competition
- FEW Toolkit dependent upon funds – anything we can do to raise awareness of HCP vaccination issues
- AIM kit will have a flu folder for the first time (www.aimtoolkit.org) - education meeting on Friday will discuss what is going to go into the folder
- Dispel myths – why don't HCP want flu vaccine?
 - Concerned about vaccine effectiveness; don't think they get the flu; inconvenience; unaware of CDC; dislike needles; scared flu shots give them the flu
 - This is where our educational programs will center around – dispelling myths about the flu vaccine

- Recognizing people who do a really good job at this – Shield of Excellence in Flu Vaccination
 - “___% of workforce vaccinated against the flu and “we are ready to serve you”
- Mailing to nurseries/birthing hospitals – encourage flu vaccination among parents with new babies
- Any comments/ideas/strategies that work?
- Carol Romback – screen savers on the system computer that says “Get your flu vaccine.”
- Educational message about the myth – work up text for new message each week; AIM toolkit has template available just upload to system; largest employer in MI are healthcare employers (nursing homes, etc.) – think of what we could do with regards to flu transmission in the state of Michigan if we vaccinated all of our HCP!!!!
- Terri Adams – respiratory infection season and respiratory clinics – Tdap, Pertussis, Flu – neat way to promote all instead of focus on only flu; respiratory infection control measures in your organization

CDC Health Advisory

Liz Harton

- On May 9, 2007 a CDC Health Advisory was issued on Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality and the Increase of Staphylococcus aureus co-infection
- Health care providers should be alerted to the possibility of bacteria co-infection & report it to Mary Grace at MDCH
- <http://www2a.cdc.gov/HAN/ArchiveSys/ViewMsgV.asp?AlertNum=00259>

Pre-Pandemic & Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Update

Pat Vranesich

- Operation Wildfire (MDCH Pandemic Plan Exercise) is today
- Pre-pandemic vaccine guidance came out in 2006
- Early vaccination is critical to retaining infrastructure
- There has been much discussion about who should be included in this infrastructure
- Once sustained human-human spread, this list will be distributed
- Dept. Homeland Security planned on having this available in April, but now they are saying May
- Vaccine manufacturers, fire fighters, police officers, security services have all been mentioned
- Rank given by CDC
- Pre-pandemic vaccine will be 100% federal government purchase
- Security will be critical for pre-pandemic vaccine
- Clade 1 currently available in the stockpile – nobody can purchase this; belongs to the federal government
- WHO – lead to identify pandemic seed strain; spirit of cooperation around the world; Indonesia had issues with collaboration
- U.S. gave money to China to start their capacity to generate pandemic flu vaccine
- The goal is to have enough pre-pandemic vaccine to vaccinate 1.5% of a project area's population (ex. State of Michigan is a project area)

- Pre-pandemic vaccines will be allocated to states by the proportion of population
- Therese Holtrop – What about emergency use authorization or investigational new drug protocol?; Is there any idea of what those recommendations will be?
- Yes – HCP who will be treating the sick; www.pandemicflu.org; if you go to MDCH website – seasonal, avian, pandemic flu and links to federal and international websites

National Influenza Summit Summary

Liz Harton

- **See attached** slides from National Influenza Vaccine Summit & National Immunization Conference Immunization Coalitions Technical Assistance Network (IZTA) Update
 - To listen to actual presentation & download transcripts go to: <http://www.izta.org/confcall.cfm>
- See www.preventinfluenza.org
 - National Influenza Vaccination Week(NIVW): November 26 – December 2, 2007
 - EC-FAB will be meeting to discuss this
- FluBytes will be sent out on a monthly basis now
- **See attached** MCIR brochure now available at: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_4914---,00.html
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Flu Gossip

Everyone

- No flu gossip

Next FAB Meeting: August 15, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.